

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 AID-20 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-11

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SPC-03 CIEP-02 LAB-06 SIL-01 OMB-01 STR-08 GSA-02

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R 130750Z DEC 73  
FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9610  
INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EMIN, ZA, CG  
SUBJ: COPPER

REF: STATE 240843 (NOTAL)

1. RCM PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER R.H. HOBSON SAYS RUMOR ZAMBIA STOCKPILING 800,000 TONS COPPER RESERVE PURE FABRICATION AND UTTER NONSENSE. ACCORDING HOBSON, RECENT ISSUE SMALL FRENCH MAGAZINE LETTRE D'AFRIQUE ORIGINATED STORY ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA WOULD JOINTLY AMASS THIS RESERVE WITH ARABS TO FOOT BILL.

2. TONNAGE INVOLVED APPROXIMATELY 2/3 TOTAL ANNUAL COMBINED PRODUCTION BOTH COUNTRIES AND 100,000 TONS ABOVE ZAMBIAN ANNUAL PRODUCTION. EFFORT REMOVE THIS MUCH COPPER FROM CIRCULATION WOULD FORCE ZAMBIAN COMPANIES BREAK EXISTING CONTRACTS FOR DELIVERY AND THOROUGHLY DISORIENT MARKET ON WHICH ZAMBIA ABSOLUTELY DEPENDENT FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE. AS FAR AS RCM KNOWS, STORY NEVER SURFACED PUBLICLY HERE. WILKOWSKI

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## Message Attributes

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